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Response, Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time and Statement Pursuant To 37 CFR 1.821(f) And 1.821(g)

This is in Response to the Notice to Comply issued in this case on 12/8/00, a response to which was originally due on 1/8/01. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for responding to this Office Action and authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$55.00 fee for such extension (and any other fee which may be due in connection with this response) to Deposit Account No. 01-2315. The new deadline is therefore February 8, 2001, and this response should be considered timely filed.

Pursuant to the duty to submit DNA and amino acid sequence in computer readable form, this affirms that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the content of the paper copy of the SEQUENCE LISTING and the computer readable copy of said SEQUENCE LISTING provided herewith are the same.

Please amend the specification to insert the SEQUENCE LISTING after the detailed description and before the claims in the above-identified patent application. I hereby state that the submission, filed herein in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(g), does not include new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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